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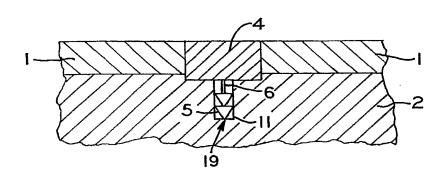
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anchors are attached to a plurality of flexible members and are shaped to seat into the tissue beneath or near the defect such that the cartilage flap is retained within the defect.